Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I want notice.

Officers in the Land Revenue Department.

241. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many officers are there in the Land Revenue Department drawing a pay of Rs. 100 and above who are not caste Hindus;

(2) whether all the Tahsildars now in service are not officers who, prior to their appointment as Tahsildars, held appointments in departments in which only caste Hindus have access;

(3) whether any of these officers have become senior to non-caste Hindu officers whose juniors they were from the point of view of pay, before such officers were taken into the departments to which non-caste Hindus have no access?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) None.

(2) No. Only four of them *viz.*, Messrs. M. Kunjan Menon, A. Parameswara Ayyar, A. R. Mahadeva Ayyar and G. Krishna Ayyar.

(3) No non-caste Hindu officer has been superseded by any of them.

Works given to certain contractors.

242. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names with the amount of original works given from 1100 to 1105 on contract by the Department of Public Works under communications, buildings and irrigation to contractors Messrs. Velangadan Ouseph Chakko, N. O. Inasu, Seetha Rama Ayyar, Mahadeva Ayyar and V. K. Narayana Menon and the names of the officers who check-measured these works?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—A list showing the details is placed on the Council table.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know who check-measured the work executed by Mr. V. K. Narayana Menon?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Which is that work?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—There is a large number of works given to Mr. V. K. Narayana Menon. There are about 18 works, of which Rs. 12,100 is for a female ward to the Chalakkudi Hospital.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That work was check-measured by me.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Then there is the palace for Her Highness Kunjipilla Tampuran.

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That was not done by Mr. V. K. Narayana Menon.

Petitions from the clerks of the Registration Department.

243. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(i) whether the Superintendent of Registration received any petitions to the Diwan from the clerks of his department on 16th Medam 1105;

(ii) did he again receive petitions to the Diwan from the clerks in Karkadagam 1105;

(iii) if so, did he forward each of the petitions to the Diwan; and

(iv) when;

(v) if there was delay, what are the reasons for the delay;

(vi) has he made any remarks on the petitions;

(vii) if so, what are they;

(viii) what action has the Government taken on these petitions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(i) Petitions were received on 17th Medam 1105.

(ii) Yes.

(iii) Yes, altogether.

(iv) On 10th Vrischigam 1106.

(v) The Superintendent of Registration waited to know if any more petitions were forthcoming and watch how the new scheme worked.

(vi) Yes.

(vii) Government do not consider that the remarks should be published.

(viii) Government passed orders that it was too soon to consider the question of revision afresh.

244. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the clerks in the Registration Department presented two petitions to the Diwan in connection with the revision of their salaries;

(2) if the answer is in the affirmative, when did they receive them and whether they have been disposed of and if the latter, when?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) and (2). The Member is referred to answer to question No. 243.

The petitions were disposed of on 5th January 1931.

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